



tugs

# Towing & Offshore Newsletter



20<sup>th</sup> Volume, No. 45     **1963 – “55 years tugboatman” - 2018**     Dated 16 June 2019

Buying, Sales, New building, Renaming and other Tugs Towing & Offshore Industry

*Distribution twice a week 14,650+*

## TUGS & TOWING NEWS

### CHRISTOS XXII ARRIVED IN ROTTERDAM



Early Wednesday afternoon the Greek flagged tug **Christos XXII** (Imo 7230135), former **Smit Enterprise**, was seen arriving in Rotterdam. Although no tow, the tug was clearly displaying the back diamond, daylight signal for towing. Also the daylight signal for restricted manoeuvrability, being black ball-diamond-ball, was displayed from the aft mast. The tug was built in 1972 by Scheepswerven v/h H.H. Bodewes – Millingen;

Netherlands under yard number 702 and delivered to Smit International (Antilles) NV – Willemstad; Curacao. In 1973 transferred to Smit Enterprise NV – Willemstad. In transferred to Smit International South East Asia Pte Ltd. – Nassau; Bahama and renamed **Smit Colombo**. In 1992 rebuilt by IJssel-Vliet Combinatie – Ridderkerk, re-engined with a Stork-Ricardo of 4,405 bhp and transferred to Bergings- en Transportbedrijf Van den Akker – Vlissingen; Netherlands and renamed **Banckert**. In 2001 transferred to Van den Akker Marine Contractors BV – Vlissingen. In 2002 transferred to Smit-Union Coastal Towage NV – Antwerpen; Belgium. In 2003 sold to URS België NV – Antwerpen. In 2004 transferred to URS Ocean Towage NV and managed by Unie van Redding- en Sleepdienst NV – Antwerpen. In 2005 brought into Euro Tugs, Rotterdam a pool formed by URS - Antwerpen and Fairplay – Hamburg. In 2010 transferred to Smit Transport Belgium NV – Antwerpen. In 2010 sold to IMS Shipping Co. – Attiki and managed by Spanopoulos Group SA – Ampelakia; Greece and renamed **Christos XXII**. In 2012 transferred to Spanopoulos Tugs Maritime Co. – Ampelakia; Greece. On the 13 January 2013 a leak sprung in the flank when hit by her tow off Torbay; Great Britain, the ex-German naval training ship Emsstrom, while enroute from Germany to Turkey. She tried to anchor a mile off Hope's Nose in Torbay to check a problem with her tow. Salvors went onboard the tug for pumping operations and divers deployed to inspect and repair the hull. The tow had been listing too heavily for salvors to get onboard and sank, approximately 2.5 nautical miles east by north from Hope's Nose, Torquay, in 23 metres (75ft) of water. The tug was towed to Portland; Great Britain. She was repaired and back in service. She has a length of 43.85 mtrs a beam of 10.65 mtrs and a depth of 5.06 mtrs. The Smit Enterpris was compilers first ship as chief engineer *(Photo: Henk Ros)*